

TOWN OF CECILTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 23, 2009
7:00 p.m.

The Town Council held a Regular Meeting at Town Hall on Monday, March 23, 2009. The following were in attendance:

John J. Bunnell, Mayor

Joseph A. Zang, III, Member
Craig DeVary, Member

Michael Cooper, Member
Terry Moore, Member

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND ACT:

February 23, 2009 Regular Session Minutes:

Member Zang made a motion to accept the February 23, 2009 Regular Session Minutes as written. Member Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financials and Account Balances:

Member Moore made a motion to accept the Financials and Account Balances as written. Member DeVary seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Administrators Report:

The Mayor asked the Town Administrator how many fire hydrants needed to be fixed. She said there were two and they were scheduled to be repaired during the school spring vacation. It was also announced that there was a need for another volunteer for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Maintenance Report:

The Mayor asked the Town Administrator how the work was progressing with the ditch digging at the pavilion. She said that it could not be done today because the ground is too wet and it will need a few days to dry out before they can go back and resume the work. Member Moore asked the Town Administrator if Bobby installed the motion detector light on the outside of the building near the library. The Administrator said yes, she believed that work had been done.

February 2009 Water & Wastewater Report:

The Mayor asked why the pumping station needed motor starters. He thought everything was replaced at the station. The Town Administrator replied that stuff was still going through that should not be going through. The Mayor said that the electrical system was slated for 55 Plus to start work that has now been stalled. He said that the Council should keep an eye on that for the next budget for the cost of repairs. The Town Administrator reported that 55 Plus is trying to move forward.

Old Water Tank Demo Bid Package:

The Mayor said the bid specs package was now available in Town Hall. The Town Administrator said that URS requested a 3-week bid period because most of the firms that do that type of work are from out of state. They felt the 3-week period was sufficient time to get the word out to potential bidders. It would be three weeks to the pre-bid meeting. The Mayor said to get the advertising started as soon as possible. He said to look at a month of advertising, three weeks for the bid specs and the second week of May to schedule the bid meeting. The Town Administrator said that URS also said that the siren needs to be removed from the tower. URS also said the work needs to be coordinated with the Fire Company to get the tank emptied. The Administrator also said they would leave the building standing with just the flat floor in the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chesapeake City Little League:

Mayor Bunnell read a letter (attached) from Chesapeake City Little League requesting the use of the ball fields for practice. Member Zang made a motion to allow Chesapeake City Little League the use of the fields for practice conditional upon receiving a certificate of insurance. Member Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Resolution #2009-01 Travel Reimbursement:

Mayor Bunnell read Resolution #2009-01: A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cecilton Revising the Expense and Reimbursement Policy (attached).

Member DeVary made a motion to accept Town of Cecilton Resolution #2009-01 Travel Reimbursement.

Member Zang seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Ed Zebley Sewer and Water Hook Ups:

Mr. Zebley was before the Mayor and Council to request an additional water hook up for the additional apartment he is installing at his property. He asked the Mayor and Council if the Town finances the purchase of the hook up. The Mayor said that traditionally the Town has not done any financing of hook ups. However, the Mayor went on to say that he would not necessarily be opposed to financing. He went on to say that to be fair to other developers that are required to pay that fee, the Town would ask that the complete payment be made before any permit be issued. He said that the Town would charge no interest but the payment must be completely made before any permits would be issued. Mr. Zebley asked who supplied the meters. The Mayor said that the Town would supply the meters to Mr. Zebley. Mr. Zebley wanted to confirm that he would not need to purchase an additional hook up for the sprinkler systems he must install. The Town Administrator said that he would not be required to purchase an additional hook up. It was explained to Mr. Zebley that from the main to the meter is the Town's responsibility and anything that goes through the other side of the meter would be Mr. Zebley's responsibility. The location of the crocks was discussed as to not allowing a lot of traffic to go over them.

Patricia Taylor asked how many hook ups Mr. Zebley was asking for. It was explained that he is requesting one new one and that would make a total of three. Joyce Boulden asked if opening up the possibility of long-term payments would cause any problems. The Mayor said it has to be made perfectly clear that once they begin to make payments, that it does not actually belong to them, until it is paid in full and no permits would be issued until it was paid in full.

Mr. Zebley said he is also considering selling the liquor license and turning the building into residential use only.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Comment.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Public Comments:

Patricia Taylor asked the Mayor and Council about the installation of the St. Stevens Church signs on the Town Welcome signs at the edges of the Town. The Mayor said that when the Council approved the request for the signs that apparently the size of the signs was not discussed and when the signs arrived they were much larger than any other sign on the display boards at the entrances to the Town. He went on to explain the signs were too large to attach to the displays. Ms. Taylor said that perhaps a 2x4 could be added to the display so that the signs could be attached. Member Zang said he would look at the signs and see if there was something that could be done.

Good of the Order:

The Mayor read a letter from the Town of North East announcing the next quarterly meeting of the Cecil-Hartford Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League on Thursday, April 16, 2009.

The Mayor announced that the Cecil County Chamber of Commerce is having a dinner on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at the Minker Banquet Hall.

Mayor Bunnell announced the MML Convention Registration is in Town Hall. The Convention is from June 28 – July 1, 2009.

Mayor Bunnell read a letter from the Cecil Leadership Institute thanking him for speaking with the Cecil Leadership Class 2009 on Municipal Government.

The Mayor read a notice that said the Maryland House Appropriations Committee included in their budget a change to the funding formula for highway user revenues that will result in a loss of \$12.4 million for municipal governments in Maryland in fiscal year 2010 and 2011. This represents a 30% cut in municipal highway user revenues for the next two years. He said to please contact your senators regarding your feelings on this issue.

The Mayor informed those present that the regional competition for his students in Skills USA Maryland took place. He said that 5 counties were represented. He said he sent three students to the competition and that they took 1st, 2nd, and tied for 3rd. He said the gentlemen that placed 1st and 2nd went to the State competition and once again they were the number one welding program in the State of Maryland. They will be representing Maryland in the National Skills Final.

ADJOURN:

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Trucksess

John J. Bunnell

Mayor